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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT AND THE CHINESE MEDICINE AND ACUPUNCTURE RESEARCH CENTRE IN HONG KONG.

2. ANSWERS TO NUMBERED QUESTIONS IN REF CABLE.

1. THERE IS NO MEDICAL LICENSING FOR ACUPUNCTURISTS IN HONG KONG. HONG KONG GOVERNMENT DOES NOT RECOGNIZE ACUPUNCTURE AS A MEDICAL SPECIALITY AND THEREFORE NO DOCTOR'S NAME MAY BE ASSOCIATED WITH ADVERTISEMENTS OR PUBLICITY FOR ACUPUNCTURE. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT AGAINST THE LAW TO PRACTICE ACUPUNCTURE IN HONG KONG. IN ORDER TO DO SO A PERSON MUST OBTAIN A BUSINESS LICENSE TO PRACTICE BUT THIS DOES NOT INVOLVE A TEST OR OTHER REVIEW OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS. ALL THAT IS REQUIRED IS THE PAYMENT OF HK\$150.00 (US\$30.00) AND IDENTIFICATION.

2. NEITHER HONG KONG UNIVERSITY NOR THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY PROVIDE INSTRUCTION IN ACUPUNCTURE. THERE IS SOME RESEARCH INTO ACUPUNCTURE AT CHINESE UNIVERSITY. THERE ARE NO TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

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